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Referred to Committee on Program Review and Investigations

Introduced by:  
(PRI)

***AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS  
COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A  
SENTENCING TASK FORCE AND A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON  
ESTABLISHING A REVOCATION CENTER FOR PROBATION AND  
PAROLE VIOLATORS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (a) It shall be the mission of the community corrections  
2       policy of the state to assist the courts and the Board of Parole in  
3       assessing offenders' suitability for community placement and, upon  
4       placement of offenders in the community, to enforce the court-ordered  
5       sanctions, protect public safety, assist in the rehabilitation of offenders  
6       and support the rights of victims.

7       (b) There is established a sentencing task force to review and  
8       evaluate, in accordance with the community corrections policy, and  
9       make recommendations concerning, the criminal sentencing process  
10      with respect to felony offenders. The task force shall: (1) Review  
11      existing criminal sentencing laws; (2) evaluate the actual and intended  
12      impact of sentencing laws and practices on the strategy of managing  
13      the growth in the inmate population, providing effective public safety

14 and controlling crime and recidivism; (3) measure the impact of  
15 sentencing laws and practices on the size of the offender population  
16 that is incarcerated and that is supervised in the community; (4) review  
17 statutory and administrative bond options and practices; (5) assess the  
18 effectiveness of mandatory minimum sentences, persistent offender  
19 statutes and eligibility criteria for criminal sentencing and sanction  
20 options; and (6) estimate the cost of any changes recommended.

21 (c) The task force shall be comprised of the following members: (1)  
22 A state's attorney appointed by the Chief State's Attorney; (2) a public  
23 defender appointed by the Chief Public Defender; (3) the Chief  
24 Administrative Judge for the Criminal Division of the Superior Court;  
25 (4) a bail commissioner appointed by the Chief Court Administrator;  
26 (5) a probation supervisor appointed by the Chief Court  
27 Administrator; (6) the Commissioner of Correction; (7) the  
28 Chairperson of the Board of Parole; (8) the Victim Advocate; (9) an  
29 assistant attorney general from the criminal justice section of the Office  
30 of the Attorney General, appointed by the Attorney General; (10) an  
31 attorney from the criminal justice section of the Connecticut Bar  
32 Association; (11) the chairpersons of the judiciary committee of the  
33 General Assembly; and (12) six members of the General Assembly  
34 appointed one each by the president pro tempore of the Senate, the  
35 speaker of the House of Representatives, the majority leader of the  
36 Senate, the majority leader of the House of Representatives, the  
37 minority leader of the Senate and the minority leader of the House of  
38 Representatives.

39 (d) The cochairpersons of the judiciary committee of the General  
40 Assembly shall serve as cochairpersons of the task force. Nonpartisan  
41 legislative staff shall serve as staff for the task force.

42 (e) Not later than January 1, 2002, the task force shall submit a  
43 report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly  
44 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general  
45 statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such

46 report or January 1, 2002, whichever is earlier.

47 Sec. 2. The Department of Correction shall conduct a study of the  
48 feasibility of establishing a revocation center for probation and parole  
49 violators. Such study shall include an assessment of converting an  
50 existing correctional dormitory facility into the revocation center. The  
51 department shall consult with the Board of Parole and the Office of  
52 Adult Probation to develop a proposal for the institutional program  
53 and admission and release procedures for the revocation center. The  
54 department shall, not later than January 1, 2002, submit a report of its  
55 findings and recommendations to the General Assembly in accordance  
56 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To establish a task force to study the criminal sentencing process and to study the feasibility of establishing a revocation center for probation and parole violators.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*